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Social and Personal

THOMAS BURTON SNEAD was host at a very handsome dinner given at the Commonwealth Club on Friday evening in honor of Miss Mary Cooke Branch, to whom his engagement has recently been announced. The dining room was arranged with palms, holly and mistletoe, and the table was ornamented with an oval of poinsettias and lilies of the valley. American beauty roses for the girls and lilies of the valley for the men, marked the place cards was a pretty little story combining the names of those present in a very novel and charming fashion.

Mr. Snead's guests for the dinner were: Colonel and Mrs. James H. Branch, Miss Mary Cooke Branch, Miss Zayde Branch, Miss Julia Joyner, Miss Rosalie Cecil, Miss Nancy Patton, Colonel and Mrs. Thomas B. McAdams, Miss Rosalie Valentine, Miss Mary Scarborough, John Randolph Tucker, Stuart G. Christian, Pleasanton Conquest, Frederick Scott, Campbell, Gordon Smith, Leigh R. Page, John Alken Branch, Thomas Burton Snead.

Sir Robert and Lady Hatfield, who have been spending some time at the Virginia Hot Springs, are now in Washington, where they have taken a house in Sheridan Circle for the winter. They were the guests of Miss Edith Grant at her home on Grove Avenue for some time last autumn, and were guests of honor at several very happy affairs during their stay in Richmond.

Debutante Affairs. Mrs. Edward Dunscomb Christian has issued invitations for a reception to be given on Friday evening, December 23, at 9 o'clock, at 115 West Franklin Street, in honor of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Anne Christian, a debutante of this season.

The Governor of Virginia and Mrs. Mann will entertain in the Executive Mansion at a dance on Wednesday evening, December 28, complimentary to Miss Edith Donnan, a niece of Mrs. Mann and a debutante of this season.

Miss White Entertained. Miss Credilla Miller entertained at a luncheon of twenty covers Friday at 2 o'clock at her home in Baltimore, complimentary to her guest, Miss Emma

Gray White, of this city. The dining room table was attractively arranged in poinsettias and ferns, and the candles were shaded in red. Miss Miller's guests included debutantes of this season.

Miss White was also guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wylie and Misses Whyte at their home on Cathedral Street Friday night. Pink roses were used on the table and the lights were shaded in pink and silver. Covers were laid for fourteen guests.

Approaching Weddings. Mr. and Mrs. Forest P. Tayloe, of Chatterton, King George county, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Catherine Attaway Tayloe, to Ralph Gedney, of Washington, D. C. The wedding will take place this winter.

Mr. Gedney has recently returned from Panama, where he has made his home for the past several years.

Luncheon Last Friday. Miss Byrd Alvey entertained very delightfully at luncheon last Friday at the Hermitage Golf Club in honor of Miss Lulu Moore, daughter of Judge Charles A. Moore, of Asheville, North Carolina. Decorations were in Christmas greens and crimson flowers.

Attends Hunt in Petersburg. Miss Anne Keith Royall was a guest of the Riverbank Country Club in Petersburg Saturday afternoon, and participated in the hunt. She was mounted on E. B. Sydnor's hunter, Her Grace.

At the hop which followed at the clubhouse the following received: Mesdames Preston L. Roper, Ashton W. P. H. Booth, Misses Annie Gill, Mary G. Harrison, Mary Bryan, Mary Martin, Lizzie Stevens and Sarah Temple.

Invitations Issued. Mr. and Mrs. William W. Old have issued invitations for a marriage of their daughter, Eliza Alice, to William Morton Dey, the ceremony to take place on Wednesday evening, December 28, at 3 o'clock, in Christ Church, Norfolk.

A reception will be given in the home of the bride's parents, 240 Freemason Street, immediately after the ceremony. Miss Old has frequently visited friends in Richmond, and a number of people from this city will attend the wedding.

Martin-Snead. The marriage of Miss Rosa Estelle Snead and Martin M. Martin, both of this city, was celebrated Thursday evening in the home of A. B. Laughon, in Barton Heights, Rev. W. A. Laughon officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will make their home in Richmond.

Misses Walker Entertained. Mrs. Harry McGhee, of Waynesboro, entertained at bridge in honor of her sisters, Misses Annie and Nell Walker, of Richmond, at her residence on Maple Avenue, Tuesday evening. Those at the tables were Mrs. McGhee, Misses Walker, Nell Talbot, Hood and Thompson, Messrs. Bowman, Fetzer, Huggins, Dr. Richardson, A. Salter, course luncheon was served during the evening. Miss Thompson won the prize.

Miss Nell Tate Talbot also entertained at cards at her handsome home on Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, Wednesday evening, in honor of the Misses Walker. Those invited were the Misses Walker, Hood, Thompson, Champe Thompson, Mrs. McGhee, Messrs. Huggins, Fetzer, Bowman, Lambert, Dr. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Fishburne. Mrs. McGhee won the prize.

Safely Arrived in Rio. William H. Talbot, of Waynesboro, has received a cablegram from Rio Janeiro announcing the safe arrival of his son, William H. Talbot, Jr. Mr. Talbot, with H. D. Colner, took passage on the steamer Byron November 5. Mr. Talbot is chief of an engineering corps in South America.

In and Out of Town. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Scott have moved into their handsome home on West Franklin Street, which has been recently completed.

Mrs. L. P. Nelson, who has been a guest of friends here, is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Chief, in Culpeper, Va.

Mrs. Cora Lynn and Miss Mary Weasley, of Gordonsville, are spending several days in Richmond.

Miss Bessie Anderson is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. G. Hart, at her home in Charlottesville, Va.

Clifford Miller, of this city, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Nelson, in Culpeper.

Miss Lettice Woodward, who is visiting Mrs. E. G. Kinter, in Portsmouth, will return to Richmond in a few days.

Mrs. R. G. Watkins has returned to her home in Gordonsville, after a visit to friends in this city.

Mrs. Merritt M. Bailey, of Charlottesville, Va., is the guest of friends here for several days.

Mrs. C. C. Bridges and Miss Arlene Bridges have returned to Ashland, after a brief visit to Mrs. George B. Hutchings, in this city.

W. A. Baker, of 319 East Clay Street, who has been sick for the past ten days, is slowly improving.

Miss Hazel Paulson has returned from Norfolk, where she was the guest of Miss Ethel White in Ghent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ashburner and children, of Staunton, are spending several weeks with relatives in Powhatan county.

Mrs. Richard Turner is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chris. Beverley, at her home in Ginter Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Selden, who have been traveling in California, have recently returned to their home, 2519 Kensington Avenue.

Mrs. Ryland Knight, who has been ill at St. Luke's Hospital since October, is now convalescent at the home of her parents, on West Grace Street.

John Ryland is at St. Luke's Hospital, where he was recently operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. J. R. Cooke has returned to her home in Gordonsville, after a visit to relatives in this city.

Miss Mary Whitlock, of Louisa county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Stone, for this week.

Mrs. Carrie Hudspeth, who has been the guest of friends here for some time, has returned to her home in Martinsville, Va.

Miss Nettie Mosby, of this city, is visiting friends in Waynesboro for several days.

Mrs. R. L. Bayne, of Lunenburg county, is the guest of her daughter for this week.

Branham Bibb, of this city, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. F. Bickers, in Louisa county, Va.

Miss Mary Zollieckoff, who has been attending Hollins Institute, has returned to the city to spend the holidays with her parents.



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Among the Books

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These volumes contain each over 600 pages, filled with the life and letters of Mr. Stedman, whose name carries such weight in the American world of letters. The first volume, which is illustrated with copies of photographs and daguerreotypes of Mr. Stedman, of members of his family and of places associated with his early history, busies itself with the poet's ancestry and birth, his boyhood in Norwich, Conn., his courtship and marriage, his experience as a young editor, his associations with old New York, the incidents connected with the publication of his satire on smart New York society, under the caption of "The Diamond Wedding," the pleasure derived from his early friendships, his work as war correspondent and in government service at Washington, his career in business, poetry and politics, his voyage to the West Indies, his sojourn in the Caribbean Sea, his return and his entrance into the Wall Street Stock Exchange of New York.

Volume second reviews the works of the poet, gives an account of his last years and estimates him as a man. A very complete bibliography and index finish this volume.

It is impossible in the scanty limits of a review to do justice to books like these that are filled on every page with not only the incidents of a life history, but with much of historic and literary interest gathered around such a life as that of Edmund Clarence Stedman. His marriage took place in November of 1853, when he was only twenty years old. He married a young girl named Laura, a Benedict for three and a half years, he wrote his mother regarding his wife that: "She is one of those rare women who are by nature 'gentle folk,' and stepped so easily from the chair of a sewing girl to the sofa of the lady, that people saw she was noble by birth and accepted her accordingly. I always went on the theory that I had enough literary education for the family; that I needed in a wife a resting place where I could be nursed, comforted and loved. Laura had been all this, and like the wife of Schiller, understands me, if she does not my books."

It is interesting to note in volume one the following comment on the causes of the War Between the States. It is in a letter written his mother October 16, 1861, and he says: "War is not waged by abolitionists. We are not the result of abolitionism. We are not the result of slavery. This war will probably settle the slavery question, yet we are not fighting the negro's cause. The real cause of the war is a bitter and criminal hatred, entertained by the South against the North and based on other than slave interests. For fifty years the South, assisted by Northern merchants whom it has governed, has been true enough to the Union, so long as elections gave to the power. But the census of 1850 showed that the enterprising and industrious North was getting the balance of power. Then the South would have

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